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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

17 Cr. 19 (RMB)

5 RICHARD USHER,
6 ROHAN RAMCHANDANI, and
7 CHRISTOPHER ASHTON,

Defendants.

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8 New York, N.Y.
9 October 26, 2018
1:20 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. RICHARD M. BERMAN,

District Judge

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1 THE COURT: The jury has advised us that they have a
2 verdict.

3 (Time noted: 1:20 p.m.)

4 THE COURT: Please be seated. So the process that we
5 use, I'm advised that you have reached a verdict. And
6 Christine is going to return your verdict to the foreperson and
7 then she's going to ask some questions of him and then ask some
8 questions of each of you.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Could the foreperson please stand.

10 In the matter of United States v. Richard Usher, Rohan
11 Ramchandani, and Christopher Ashton, how do you, the jury, find
12 as to the following question.

13 Count One, conspiracy to violate the Sherman Act as to
14 Richard Usher.

15 JUROR: Not guilty.

16 THE DEPUTY CLERK: As to Rohan Ramchandani.

17 JUROR: Not guilty.

18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: As to Christopher Ashton.

19 JUROR: Not guilty.

20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: You may be seated. Ladies and
21 gentlemen --

22 THE COURT: Christine, wait a minute.

23 (Pause)

24 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen of jury,
25 please listen to your verdict as it stands recorded. Count

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1 One, conspiracy to violate the Sherman Act.

2 Richard Usher, not guilty.

3 Rohan Ramchandani, not guilty.

4 Christopher Ashton, not guilty.

5 Juror number one, is this your verdict?

6 JUROR: Yes.

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number two, is this your
8 verdict?

9 JUROR: Yes.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number three, is this your
11 verdict?

12 JUROR: Yes.

13 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number four, is this your
14 verdict?

15 JUROR: Yes.

16 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number five, is this your
17 verdict?

18 JUROR: Yes.

19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number six, is this your
20 verdict?

21 JUROR: Yes.

22 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number seven, is this your
23 verdict?

24 JUROR: Yes.

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number eight, is this your

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1 verdict?

2 JUROR: Yes.

3 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number nine, is this your
4 verdict?

5 JUROR: Yes.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number ten, is this your
7 verdict?

8 JUROR: Yes.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number eleven, is this your
10 verdict?

11 JUROR: Yes.

12 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury number twelve, is this your
13 verdict?

14 JUROR: Yes.

15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Your Honor, jury polled. Verdict
16 is unanimous.

17 THE COURT: So all that is left for me to do is to
18 thank you once again for your jury service. You were very
19 attentive, very timely, and very thoughtful, and excuse you as
20 jurors and you don't have to come back at 9:15 Monday or any
21 other day.

22 And if you would, if you'd wait in the -- you're free
23 to go home but if you wanted to wait in the jury room for a
24 minute I'd just come back there and thank you myself
25 personally. OK. So the jury is excused.

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(Jury excused)

THE COURT: So please be seated if you would for just a minute it's my practice to go back and thank the jurors personally. I'll be right back.

(Recess)

JUROR: There's really not much or anything left for me except to say this. The jury did express that they wanted to leave before everybody else does and I guess the media has already gone out there. They're not very interested in talking to the media, but anyway.

MR. SCHERTLER: Are we allowed to speak to the jurors?

THE COURT: You are. If they want to speak to you -- they've indicated that they really didn't want to, so. But certainly they're free to talk to you if they want to.

MR. SAHNI: Judge, we would just ask that the bail orders be vacated.

THE COURT: OK. Application granted.

Have a great weekend.

(Adjourned)